


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Minoru Kawahara  
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For : DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS, DATA PROCESSING METHOD,  
AND PROGRAM  
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**REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 14, 2009 and having a reply date of February 14, 2009, Applicants herewith provide an amended copy of their reply filed December 15, 2008. The present reply corrects noted deficiencies in the "Listing of Claim" section.

In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2008, having a three month statutory period of response set to expire on December 18, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.